Announcements & Welcome from Pastor Chase

Song: Honey in the Rock

Scripture: John 13:33-38 (Easy-to-Read translation)

"My children, I will be with you only a short time more. You will look for me, but I tell you now what I told the Jewish leaders: Where I am going you cannot come.

³⁴ "I give you a new command: Love each other. You must love each other just as I loved you. ³⁵ All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other."

³⁶ Simon Peter asked Jesus, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow now. But you will follow later."

³⁷ Peter asked, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I am ready to die for you!"

³⁸ Jesus answered, "Will you really give your life for me? The truth is, before the rooster crows, you will say three times that you don't know me."

Song: Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Sermon Scripture: Ruth 1:6-18 (from NRSV translation)

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. ¹⁰ They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, ¹³ would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." ¹⁴ Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you, to turn back from following you!

Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God.

17 Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried.

May the Lord do thus to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!"

¹⁸ When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Final Song: Holy Spirit

Benediction: Go Now in Peace